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2018 Postseason Guide



2018 National Collegiate Women's GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

REGIONALS April 7

SEMIFINAL II April 20 - 7 p.m. St. Louis



1	Oklahoma (198.120)
12	Kentucky (196.800)
13	Denver (196.785)
*Minnesota (196.250)	
Iowa St. (196.045)	
Iowa (195.775)	
Oklahoma (198.000)	
Kentucky (197.050)	

SUPER SIX April 21 - 7 p.m. St. Louis



National Champion

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SEMIFINAL I April 20 - 1 p.m. St. Louis



LSU (197.675)	2	LSU (197.890)
	11	Nebraska (196.815)
	14	Oregon St. (196.780)
		George Washington (196.460)
Nebraska (197.525)		*NC State (196.440)
		Maryland (195.930)

5 Florida (197.390)

8 Washington (196.960)

17 Arizona St. (196.545)

West Virginia (196.070)

*Penn St. (195.985)

New Hampshire (195.940)

Florida (197.725)

	Washington (196.275)
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Alabama (197.225)

	6	*Alabama (197.165)
	7	Michigan (197.160)
	18	Georgia (196.515)
		Missouri (196.390)
		Illinois (196.265)
Georgia (196.500)		Central Mich. (195.750)



4 *Utah (197.540)

9 California (196.890)

16 Auburn (196.595)

BYU (196.430)

Stanford (196.080)

Southern Utah (195.915)

Utah (197.475)

	California (196.725)
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UCLA (197.650)

	3	UCLA (197.840)
	10	Arkansas (196.820)
	15	Boise St. (196.745)
		*Ohio St. (196.215)
		Pittsburgh (195.870)
Arkansas (196.775)		Kent St. (195.855)

* Denotes Regional Host Site
All times Eastern.
Semifinals and Super Six available on



GEORGIA

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10-time NCAA Team Champions
42 Individual NCAA Titles ♦ 16-time SEC Champions
101 SEC Event Championships ♦ 382 All-America Honors
125 All-SEC Honors ♦ 195 SEC Honor Roll Recognitions

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2018 SCHEDULE

OVERALL: 10-15 | SEC: 3-4

HOME: 3-3 | AWAY: 1-3 | NEUTRAL: 6-9

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Jan. 12	at #4 Alabama *	L, 196.525-194.525
Jan. 15	#1 Oklahoma	L, 197.550-196.600
Jan. 19	#16 Auburn *	W, 196.725-196.375
Jan. 26	at #10 Arkansas*	L, 197.175- 196.125
Feb. 3	#23 Missouri *	W, 197.000-195.850
Feb. 9	at #6 Kentucky *	W, 196.150- 195.550
Feb. 16	#5 Florida *	L, 196.950-196.125
Feb. 23	#2 LSU *	L, 197.575- 196.725
March 2	Elevate the Stage !	4th, 195.825
	Stanford, Nebraska, Illinois	
March 10	#14 Boise State	W, 197.525- 196.625
March 16	at #4 Utah	L, 198.150-196.350
March 24	SEC Championship	6th, 196.350
April 7	NCAA Regional	2nd, 196.500
April 20	NCAA Semifinals	1 p.m.
April 21	NCAA Super Six	7 p.m.

* denotes conference meet

home meets in bold

! Elevate the Stage in Augusta, Ga.

SEC Championship in St. Louis, Mo.

NCAA Regional in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

all times eastern, subject to change

BROADCAST INFO

Network: Semifinal I: ESPN2
Championship: ESPNU

Announcers: Bart Conner (PxP)
Kathy Johnson-Clarke (Analyst)
Laura Rutledge (Reporter)

Semifinal I Stream Link: <http://gado.gs/8vm>

Championship Stream Link: <http://gado.gs/8vn>

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MEET FOURTEEN



GEORGIA at NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

RECORD: 10-15, 3-4 SEC

RANKING: 12

NQS: 393.015

REGIONAL SCORE: 196.500

TEAM RQS: 196.515

HEAD COACH: Courtney Kupets Carter (first season)

ASST. COACH: Josh Overton

VOLUNTEER COACH: Suzanne Yoculan Leebern

CHAMPIONSHIP INFO

LOCATION: St. Louis, Missouri

ARENA: Chaifetz Arena

SEMIFINAL I: #2 LSU, #7 Nebraska, #6 Alabama,
#12 Georgia, #3 UCLA, #10 Arkansas

SEMIFINAL II: #1 Oklahoma, #8 Kentucky, #4 Florida,
#11 Washington, #5 Utah, #9 California

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

PRELIM APPEARANCES: 33

SUPER SIX APPEARANCES: 27

2017 FINISH: 12th (195.800)

PROBABLE LINEUP

VAULT (No. 19)

Marissa Oakley
Jasmine Arnold
Sabrina Vega
Rachel Dickson (85)
Sydney Snead (33)

BARS (No. 18)

Jordyn Pedersen
Emily Schild
Natalie Vaculik
Sydney Snead (58)
Marissa Oakley (52)
Rachel Dickson (38)

BEAM (No. 13)

Sydney Snead (52)
Rachel Dickson (83)
Emily Schild
Marissa Oakley
Vivi Babalis (44)
Sabrina Vega (52)

FLOOR (No. 18)

Jasmine Arnold
Vivi Babalis
Rachel Dickson (39)
Sydney Snead (33)
Sabrina Vega (22)
Jordyn Pedersen

QUICK FACTS

Location Athens, Ga.
Enrollment 37,606
Founded 1785
Nickname Bulldogs
..... GymDogs
Colors Red & Black
Conference Southeastern
Facility Stegeman Coliseum
President Jere W. Morehead
Athletic Director Greg McGarity
Faculty Athletics Representative David Shipley
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FIVE GYMNASTS TO WATCH

**According to head coach
Courtney Kupets Carter**

Sabrina Vega on floor: "Her dance combined with the amazing height in her tumbling is just a showstopper."

Sydney Snead on vault: "She has been working a Yurchenko double full. She won't do it in every meet, but hopefully at home meets and then towards the end of season."

Natalie Vaculik on bars: "She has a huge release move and a very high dismount, so that's a very fun, powerful routine on bars. You don't use that word that often on bars, but it really is high-flying and absolutely amazing."

Jasmine Arnold on floor: "She's been working so hard for the past three years and now is competing in the floor lineup for the first time. She gets to showcase what she's capable of so we are excited to see her get out there."

Rachel Dickson on beam: "She has upgraded quite a bit and has a great first combination: a front aerial to switch leap to straddle quarter. It's impressive. She doesn't always need to connect it, but when she does it's really beautiful and different."

GYMDOGS HEADING TO NATIONALS

For the eighth-consecutive year, the Georgia GymDogs will be competing for a national championship. The GymDogs advanced to St. Louis by finishing second at the Tuscaloosa regional with a 196.500.

Georgia trailed only No. 6 Alabama while besting seventh-ranked Michigan, No. 22 Missouri, No. 23 Illinois, and No. 36 Central Michigan.

THE WINNINGEST PROGRAM IN NCAA HISTORY

Since a gymnastics national champion has been crowned in 1982, Georgia has earned the most titles in history with ten, five of which came consecutively from 2005-2009.

Utah follows with nine national championships, while Alabama and UCLA have six. Florida and Oklahoma both have two titles and shared the trophy in 2014 for a third.

DICKSON, OAKLEY, SNEAD EARN ALL-SEC HONORS

Georgia gymnastics junior Sydney Snead, sophomore Rachel Dickson, and freshman Marissa Oakley earned All- SEC honors.

To earn All-SEC recognition, gymnasts must finish in the top two spots (including ties) per event in each SEC championship session.

Snead earned the distinction after scoring a 9.9 on vault, and a 9.85 on bars. This is her third All-SEC recognition.

Dickson matched Snead with a 9.85 on bars to seal a place on the All-SEC team.

Oakley was placed on the All-SEC Team for her performance on bars with a score of 9.825 and earned All-Freshman accolades.

GYMDOGS IN THE RANKINGS PRIOR TO POSTSEASON

Georgia was ranked No. 18 in the latest RQS rankings on the RoadtoNationals.com website with an RQS of 196.470, earning the third-seed at the Tuscaloosa Regional.

The GymDogs rank 19th on vault, 18th on bars, 13th on beam, and 18th on floor.

Six GymDogs hold 13 spots within the top-100 in the nation of their respective events, based on RQS.

For vault, Lauren Johnson and Sydney Snead are ranked No. 33, while Rachel Dickson is 85th.

Dickson remained No. 38 on bars. Marissa Oakley follows at No. 52 and Snead sits at No. 58.

Vivi Babalis ranks No. 44 on beam. Sabrina Vega and Snead are tied for 52nd, while Dickson holds the 83rd spot.

On floor, Vega ranks 22nd, while Snead holds the 33rd spot and Dickson sits at No. 39.

Additionally, Dickson is ranked No. 23 in the all-around rankings, while Snead comes in at No. 17 heading into Regionals.

GEORGIA GYMDOGS

Name	Year	Events	Hometown/Club
Jasmine Arnold	Senior	BB, FX	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Elite Energy Gymnastics
Vivi Babalis	Senior	BB, FX	Montreal, Quebec, Canada/Gymnix
Rachel Dickson	Sophomore	AA	Canton, Mich./Michigan Elite Gymnastics
Ashley Foss	Freshman	AA	Towaco, N.J./North Star Gymnastics
Lauren Johnson	Senior	VT, UB	Atlanta, Ga./Gwinnett Gymnastics Center
Gigi Marino	Senior	VT, FX	Scottsdale, Ariz./Desert Devils Gymnastics
Madison McPherson	Freshman	FX	Watkinsville, Ga./Georgia Elite
Marissa Oakley	Freshman	AA	Huntersville, N.C./ Everest Gymnastics
Jordyn Pedersen	Sophomore	AA	Burlington, Ontario, Canada/Manjaks Gymnastics
Hayley Sanders	Senior	UB, BB	McKinney, Texas/World Olympic Gymnastics Aca.
Emily Schild	Freshman	AA	Huntersville, N.C./Everest Gymnastics
Sydney Snead	Junior	AA	Raleigh, N.C./Sonshine Gymnastics
Natalie Vaculik	Senior	BB, FX	Whitby, Ontario, Canada/Gemini Gymnastics
Sabrina Vega	Sophomore	AA	Carmel, N.Y./Great American Gymnastics Express

Coaches

Courtney Kupets Carter - Head Coach (first season)

Josh Overton - Assistant Coach (first season)

Suzanne Yoculan Leebern - Volunteer Assistant Coach (first season)

Gracie Cherrey- Student Coach

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

BY CLASS

Seniors | 6

Jasmine Arnold, Vivi Babalis, Lauren Johnson, Gigi Marino, Hayley Sanders, Natalie Vaculik

Juniors | 1

Sydney Snead

Sophomores | 3

Rachel Dickson, Jordyn Pedersen, Sabrina Vega

Freshmen | 4

Ashley Foss, Madison McPherson, Marissa Oakley, Emily Schild

BY HOME STATE/ COUNTRY

Georgia | 2

Lauren Johnson, Madison McPherson

Canada | 3

Vivi Babalis, Jordyn Pedersen, Natalie Vaculik

North Carolina | 3

Marissa Oakley, Emily Schild, Sydney Snead

Arizona | 1

Gigi Marino

New York | 1

Sabrina Vega

Michigan | 1

Rachel Dickson

Tennessee | 1

Jasmine Arnold

New Jersey | 1

Ashley Foss

Texas | 1

Hayley Sanders

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Vivi Babalis..... V-V BABB-uh-liss

Gigi Marino..... G-G Muh-REE-no

Madison **McPherson**Mc-FEAR-son

Jordyn **Pedersen** PEDD-er-sin

Emily **Schild** Shield

Natalie **Vaculik**..... Vuh-Q-lick

Sabrina **Vega** VAY-guh

Courtney **Kupets** Carter..... COO-pets

Suzanne **Yoculan** Leebern YOCK-lin

Gracie **Cherrey**..... Cherry

Doug **Contaoi**..... Con-TAU-wee

2018 GYMDOG LINEUPS

VAULT

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
at No. 4 Alabama	Vega	Oakley	Marino	Johnson	Dickson	Snead
No. 1 Oklahoma	Vega	Oakley	Dickson	Johnson	Snead	
No. 16 Auburn	Vega	Oakley	Vaculik	Dickson	Johnson	Snead
at No. 10 Arkansas	Vega	Oakley	Dickson	Johnson	Snead	
No. 23 Missouri	Vega	Oakley	Dickson	Johnson	Snead	
at No. 6 Kentucky	Vega	Oakley	Dickson	Johnson	Snead	
No. 5 Florida	Vega	Oakley	Dickson	Johnson	Snead	
No. 4 LSU	Vega	Oakley	Dickson	Johnson	Snead	
Elevate the Stage	Vega	Oakley	Dickson	Johnson	Snead	
No. 14 Boise State	Oakley	Vega	Arnold	Dickson	Johnson	Snead
at No. 4 Utah	Oakley	Arnold	Dickson	Johnson	Snead	
at SEC Championship	Oakley	Arnold	Vega	Dickson	Johnson	Snead
at NCAA Regional	Oakley	Arnold	Vega	Dickson	Snead	

BARS

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
at No. 4 Alabama	Johnson	Oakley	Vaculik	Snead	Dickson	
No. 1 Oklahoma	Johnson	Oakley	Vaculik	Snead	Dickson	
No. 16 Auburn	Johnson	Oakley	Vaculik	Snead	Dickson	Pedersen
at No. 10 Arkansas	Johnson	Pedersen	Oakley	Vaculik	Snead	Dickson
No. 23 Missouri	Johnson	Oakley	Vaculik	Snead	Dickson	Pedersen
at No. 6 Kentucky	Johnson	Pedersen	Oakley	Vaculik	Snead	Dickson
No. 5 Florida	Johnson	Schild	Vaculik	Oakley	Snead	Dickson
No. 4 LSU	Johnson	Schild	Vaculik	Oakley	Snead	Dickson
Elevate the Stage	Pedersen	Schild	Vaculik	Oakley	Snead	Dickson
No. 14 Boise State	Pedersen	Johnson	Vaculik	Snead	Oakley	Dickson
at No. 4 Utah	Pedersen	Schild	Vaculik	Snead	Oakley	Dickson
at SEC Championship	Pedersen	Schild	Vaculik	Snead	Oakley	Dickson
at NCAA Regional	Pedersen	Schild	Vaculik	Snead	Oakley	Dickson

BEAM

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
at No. 4 Alabama	Snead	Oakley	Vaculik	Babalis	Dickson	Vega
No. 1 Oklahoma	Snead	Oakley	Vaculik	Babalis	Dickson	Vega
No. 16 Auburn	Snead	Oakley	Arnold	Babalis	Dickson	Vega
at No. 10 Arkansas	Snead	Oakley	Arnold	Babalis	Dickson	Vega
No. 23 Missouri	Snead	Oakley	Arnold	Babalis	Dickson	Vega
at No. 6 Kentucky	Snead	Oakley	Sanders	Babalis	Dickson	Vega
No. 5 Florida	Snead	Arnold	Oakley	Babalis	Dickson	Vega
No. 4 LSU	Snead	Arnold	Oakley	Babalis	Dickson	Vega
Elevate the Stage	Snead	Dickson	Arnold	Oakley	Babalis	Vega
No. 14 Boise State	Snead	Dickson	Sanders	Oakley	Babalis	Vega
at No. 4 Utah	Snead	Dickson	Schild	Oakley	Babalis	Vega
at SEC Championship	Snead	Dickson	Schild	Oakley	Babalis	Vega
at NCAA Regional	Snead	Dickson	Schild	Oakley	Babalis	Vega

FLOOR

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
at No. 4 Alabama	Arnold	Babalis	Dickson	Snead	Vega	Marino
No. 1 Oklahoma	Arnold	Babalis	Snead	Dickson	Vega	
No. 16 Auburn	Arnold	Babalis	Snead	Dickson	Vega	
at No. 10 Arkansas	Arnold	Babalis	Snead	Dickson	Vega	
No. 23 Missouri	Arnold	Babalis	Snead	Dickson	Vega	
at No. 6 Kentucky	Arnold	Babalis	Snead	Dickson	Vega	
No. 5 Florida	Arnold	Babalis	Snead	Dickson	Vega	
No. 4 LSU	Arnold	Babalis	Dickson	Snead	Vega	
Elevate the Stage	Arnold	Babalis	Dickson	Snead	Vega	
No. 14 Boise State	Arnold	Babalis	Dickson	Snead	Vega	Pedersen
at No. 4 Utah	Arnold	Babalis	Dickson	Snead	Pedersen	Vega
at SEC Championship	Arnold	Babalis	Dickson	Snead	Vega	Pedersen
at NCAA Regional	Arnold	Pedersen	Babalis	Dickson	Snead	Vega

GEORGIA'S RECORD

By Location

At home.....	3-3
Away	1-3
Neutral site	2-8

By Day

On Monday.....	0-1
On Friday	2-8
On Saturday.....	4-5

By Month

In January.....	1-3
In February.....	2-2
In March	3-9
In April.....	0-0

By UGA Score

195.0 or less.....	0-1
195.01-196.0	0-3
196.1-196.5	3-8
196.51-196.75	1-2
196.751-197	0-0
197.01 or more	2-0

By Opponent Score

195.0 or less.....	0-0
195.01-196.0	3-2
196.1-196.5	2-2
196.51-196.75	1-2
196.751-197	0-3
197.01 or more	0-5

By Conference

Against SEC.....	5-9
Against Big 12.....	0-1
Against Big 10.....	0-2
Against Pac 12	0-2
Against MRGC.....	1-0

By Event Scores

When scoring higher on vault.....	5-2
When scoring higher on bars.....	5-2
When scoring higher on beam.....	4-3
When scoring higher on floor.....	5-3

THE LAST TIME GEORGIA...

Won a dual meet

At home ...vs. Boise State, 197.525-196.625, 3/10/18

Away at Kentucky, 196.150-195.550, 2/9/18

Lost a dual meet

At home vs. LSU, 197.575-196.725, 2/23/18

Away at Utah, 198.150-196.350, 3/16/18

Lost a non-dual meet

At home 2nd in NCAA Regional, 4/2/16

Away 2nd at Gainesville NCAA Regional, 4/1/17

Neutral site 4th at Elevate the Stage, 3/2/18

Tied a dual meet

At home v. Florida, 197.250, 1/27/07

Away at Kentucky, 195.825, 2/8/13

Beat a Top-10 Opponent

At home No. 5 Utah, 197.250-196.650, 3/11/17

Away No. 6 Kentucky, 196.150-195.550, 2/9/18

Neutral No. 7 Michigan, 196.500-196.350, 4/7/18

Beat a Top-5 Opponent

At home No. 5 Utah, 197.250-196.650, 3/11/17

Away No. 3 Arkansas, 196.825-195.875, 2/10/12

Neutral No. 3 Utah, 197.025-196.575, 4/4/15

Beat the No. 1 Team

At home Florida, 196.400-196.350, 2/5/16

Away Florida, 196.850-196.825, 1/18/08

Neutral Florida (at Utah), 197.850-197.225, 4/27/07

Scored a 198 or higher

At home 198.200 v. Florida, 2/28/09

Away Never

Neutral 198.000, NCAA Super Six, 4/16/93

Scored below a 195

At home v. BYU, 194.850-192.550, 2/20/93

On the road ...at Alabama, 194.525-196.525, 1/12/18

Neutral site Utah (at BYU), 194.175-196.025, 2/3/95

Scored a perfect 10

At home 2/16/18, Sydney Snead on Floor

On the road 3/6/16, Brittany Rogers on Vault at UCLA

Neutral 3/6/16, Brittany Rogers on Vault

..... at UCLA with Stanford

Scored 2 perfect 10s by 2 gymnasts

4/4/09 - NCAA Regional (Courtney Kupets - VT;

Courtney McCool - BB)

Scored 2 perfect 10s by 1 gymnast

4/17/09 - NCAA Championships

Courtney Kupets on vault and bars

Scored 4 perfect 10s by 1 gymnast

Karin Lichey v. Kentucky 2/23/96

Won the vault event title

At home Johnson (9.925) vs. Boise State, 3/10/18

On the road Snead (9.925) vs. Utah, 3/16/18

Won the bars event title

At home Snead (9.950) vs. Boise State, 3/10/18

On the road Oakley (9.9) vs. Kentucky, 2/9/18

Won the beam event title

At home Babalis (9.900) vs. Boise State, 3/10/18

On the road Broussard (9.9) at NCAA Regional, 4/1/17

Neutral .. Snead/Dickson 9.925 at Elevate the Stage, 3/2/18

Won the floor event title

At home Dickson (9.950) vs. Boise State, 3/10/18

On the road Snead (9.9) vs. Kentucky, 2/9/18

Neutral Vega (9.9) at NCAA Regional, 4/7/18

Won the all-around title

At home Dickson (39.550) vs. Boise State, 3/10/18

On the road Snead (39.400) at Kentucky, 2/9/18

GYMDOGS PEAK ENTERING POSTSEASON

The GymDogs stepped their game up at the right time, producing their best score and best road score over the last two weeks of the season.

Georgia scored a 197.525 in the home finale against Boise State on March 10 prior to a 196.350 at Utah.

HIGH SCORES CONTINUE TO BE REACHED

All of Georgia's contributing gymnasts hit at least one season high mark within the last five meets of the regular season.

Jasmine Arnold- 3 (FX vs. Florida, BB vs LSU, VT vs Boise State)

Vivi Babalis- 2 (FX vs. Florida and LSU)

Rachel Dickson- 2 (UB vs. Boise State, VT vs. Utah)

Lauren Johnson- 1 (VT vs. Boise State)

Marissa Oakley- 2 (VT vs. Boise State, BB vs. LSU)

Jordyn Pedersen- 1 (FX vs. Boise State)

Hayley Sanders- 1 (BB vs Boise State)

Sydney Snead- 4 (VT vs Florida/ Utah, UB vs. Boise State, FX vs Florida)

Natalie Vaculik- 1 (UB vs Boise State)

Sabrina Vega- 2 (BB vs. LSU, FX at Elevate the Stage)

Freshman Emily Schild has had continuous improvement on bars in the four meets she's competed in this season.

MARINO NAMED TO SEC COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM

Georgia gymnastics senior Gigi Marino was named to the Southeastern Conference Community Service Team, announced by the conference at the end of March.

The Community Service Team looks to highlight an athlete from each school who gives back to his or her community in superior service efforts.

A native of Scottsdale, Arizona, Marino has given her time and sprinkled her infectious spirit throughout the community. Since arriving on campus, Marino continuously helps out with the Special Olympics, participating in the annual baseball game and frequently hosting in the gymnastics gym at Georgia, where the children are allowed to play and perform routines.

A human development and family science major, Marino volunteers with the "Ath-Half", an annual half marathon in Athens, as well as the "In Her Shoes" walk. She visits local classrooms to promote a healthy lifestyle, has assisted in car pool lines and has volunteered for field day at elementary schools.

LANDING ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Over the regular season, the GymDogs brought in an average of 10,102 fans per meet, the highest number in program history. This breaks the attendance record of 10,055 set a season ago.

In six home meets this season, Georgia's average of 10,102 fans ranks fourth-best in the nation, behind Utah, LSU, and Alabama, although the GymDogs are closest to reaching capacity at their facility. Stegman Coliseum holds a capacity of 10,284.

Georgia's average gymnastics attendance is fifth-best among all women's sports, behind three gymnastics teams and South Carolina's women's basketball program (13,239).

PERFECTION FOR SNEAD

Sydney Snead's Perfect 10 is the first by a GymDog since Brittany Rogers earned a 10.00 on vault at UCLA in 2016. It marks the first Perfect 10 inside of Stegeman Coliseum since Grace Taylor on beam in 2010 and the first on floor since Courtney Kupets in 2009 (also against Florida). Snead took home the floor and all-around titles against the Gators.

ELEVEN GYMDOGS NAMED TO ATHLETICS HONOR ROLL

A total of 497 University of Georgia student-athletes earned a grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 or higher and were named to the J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics Honor Roll for the 2017 fall semester. Eleven of those student-athletes are Georgia GymDogs.

Presidential Scholar (4.00 GPA while taking 14 or more hours)
Hayley Sanders

Dean's List (3.50 GPA while taking 14 or more hours)
Rachel Dickson

4.00 GPA
Gigi Marino

3.50-3.99 GPA
Vivi Babalis, Gracie Cherrey, Ashley Foss, Lauren Johnson, Marissa Oakley, and Emily Schild

3.00-3.49 GPA
Jasmine Arnold and Sydney Snead

THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

>> Freshman Emily Schild made her GymDog debut against Florida on bars and added beam to her repertoire at Utah.
>> Sophomore Jordyn Pedersen competed bars for the first time against Auburn and made her way into the floor lineup against Boise State.
>> This season Sabrina Vega is in the vault lineup for the first time in her career.
>> Senior Jasmine Arnold is competing for the first time as a GymDog, showcasing her talents on the floor.

REFLECT GREATNESS

The most successful gymnast in NCAA history, Courtney Kupets Carter, returned to Athens as head coach of the GymDogs for the 2018 season. She brought along legendary gymnastics coach Suzanne Yoculan Leeborn as a volunteer coach with hopes to "Reflect Greatness" and restore the traditions of the Georgia gymnastics program.

A major key for the GymDogs this season is to restore the traditions and championship mindset. With a roster that has tremendous potential the coaches and student-athletes have maintained the importance of improving as a collective unit and hope to honor the gymnasts and traditions of the past.

GYMDOGS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

The GymDogs have steadily showed improvement throughout the season increasing scores in Stegeman Coliseum as well as on the road.

VEGA TAKES THE MOONWALK

Sophomore Sabrina Vega assumed the responsibility of taking over the moonwalk tradition at Georgia. She is the sixth Gymdog to perform the moonwalk on the balance beam, following Nikki Childs, Cassidy McComb, Lindsey Cheek, Mary Beth Box, and Morgan Reynolds.

VEGA NAMED SEC SPECIALIST OF THE WEEK

Sophomore GymDog Sabrina Vega was named SEC Specialist of the Week by the conference office following the meet against Auburn. This is the first weekly SEC award for Vega in her career.

ASHLEY FOSS TO RETIRE FROM GYMNASTICS

University of Georgia freshman Ashley Foss of Towaco, New Jersey will retire from the sport of gymnastics.

Foss did not compete this season due to injury.

"Ashley has been an amazing presence to our team this year," said head coach Courtney Kupets Carter. "This is a hard decision for any student-athlete to make and the entire team stands by her. Although she will not compete as a GymDog, we look forward to her contributing to the program in other ways."

"As much as my heart wants to keep going and fulfill the goals that I set for myself, my body just can't physically take it," Foss said. "I'm thankful for the University of Georgia, my coaches, and my teammates for their support during this difficult decision. I will take the lessons I learned as a gymnast and apply them to my new goals. I'm excited to see what the future holds for me."

MARINO OUT FOR THE SEASON

Gigi Marino tore her achillies during her floor routine in the season opener at Alabama and had season-ending surgery.

CHERREY TO RETIRE FROM GYMNASTICS

University of Georgia junior gymnast Gracie Cherrey of Woodbury, Minnesota will retire from the sport of gymnastics. She will now serve as a student coach.

Cherrey competed consistently on bars and four times on beam as a freshman before missing her sophomore season due to an ankle injury.

She now serves as a student coach.

GEORGIA BREAKS RECORDS WITH ENDOWMENT FUND

Georgia Gymnastics has made history with the highest annual donations to the Gymnastics Endowment Fund, raising a record \$235,000, also marking the highest number of season tickets sold in a single season.

"We are thrilled at the outpour of support and loyalty from Dawg Nation," head coach Courtney Kupets Carter said. "The Gymnastics Endowment Fund is breaking records with the generosity of our fans and we can not wait to repay them with the excitement that is sure to fill Stegeman Coliseum this season."



Head Coach **COURTNEY KUPETS CARTER**

Courtney Kupets Carter is in her first season as head coach of the Georgia GymDogs, nine years after completing the most illustrious career in NCAA gymnastics history.

In her four years as a GymDog from 2006 to 2009, with one season missed due to injury, Kupets Carter won four team national championships, eight SEC event championships, nine individual NCAA titles and was a 15-time All-American. She was Team MVP in 2006 and 2009, and won the Honda Award in 2007 and 2009. Kupets Carter holds the distinction of being the first gymnast to win individual championships on all four events and the all-around title.

Kupets Carter, Georgia's only Honda Broderick Cup award winner, also excelled in the classroom with two CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-America honors and was the recipient of the prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

Outside of her collegiate career, Kupets Carter won a team silver medal at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece in addition to an individual bronze on uneven bars.

In addition to her impressive competitive resume, Kupets Carter brings 13 years of coaching experience at various levels of the sport with her to Georgia including stints as a student coach for the GymDogs in 2010 and at Oconee Gymnastics Club. Most recently, Kupets Carter served as an analyst for the SEC Network's Friday Night Heights coverage of SEC gymnastics.

Kupets Carter is married to Chris Carter and has a daughter, Brooklyn, and a son, Bentley.

Courtney Kupets Carter's File

- Eighth head coach in Georgia gymnastics history
- First gymnast to win individual championships on all four events and an all-around title
- Georgia's only Honda Broderick Cup award winner
- Competed at the 2004 Olympic Games earning a team silver medal and an individual bronze medal on uneven bars
- Holds the Georgia record for single season points on bars and beam, as well as season total points for 2006 and 2009.
- Scored eight Perfect 10's as a GymDog, two on vault, three on bars, two on beam, and one on floor



Jasmine **ARNOLD**

Senior | Murfreesboro, Tenn. | Elite Energy

Major: Psychology & Criminal Justice

Events Competed: VT, BB, FX

2018 Bio Update: competed for the first time as a GymDog... competed in all 13 meets on floor, five meets on beam, and four meets on vault... claimed season highs of 9.850 on vault, 9.775 on beam, and 9.875 on floor.



<i>Meet</i>	<i>Vault</i>	<i>Bars</i>	<i>Beam</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>All-Around</i>
at #4 Alabama	--	--	--	9.800	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	--	9.825	--
#16 Auburn	--	--	9.675	9.850	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	--	9.650	9.825	--
#23 Missouri	--	--	9.700	9.550	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	--	--	9.750	--
#5 Florida	--	--	--	9.875	--
#4 LSU	--	--	9.775	9.850	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	--	9.650	9.750	--
#14 Boise State	9.850	--	--	9.850	--
at #4 Utah	9.775	--	--	9.725	--
at SEC	9.800	--	--	9.775	--
at NCAA Regional	9.725	--	--	9.700	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	9.808	--	9.708	9.785	--
RQS	--	--	--	9.820	--
Season High	9.850	--	9.775	9.875	--
Career High	9.850	--	9.775	9.875	--

Vivi BABALIS

Senior | Montreal, Quebec | Gymnix

Major: Sport Management

Events Competed: BB, FX



2018 Bio Update: competed beam and floor in all 13 meets...claimed three event titles on beam against Oklahoma and Boise State, and at Kentucky...earned season highs of 9.9 on beam and floor... posted a career-high 9.9 three times on beam and matched her career-high of 9.9 twice on floor... led Georgia three times on beam with 9.9's against Florida and Boise State, and a 9.875 at Kentucky... led the GymDogs on floor in the season opener at Alabama with a 9.825.



<i>Meet</i>	<i>Vault</i>	<i>Bars</i>	<i>Beam</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>All-Around</i>
at #4 Alabama	--	--	9.800	9.825	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	9.900	9.750	--
#16 Auburn	--	--	9.825	9.875	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	--	9.825	9.700	--
#23 Missouri	--	--	9.825	9.825	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	--	9.875	9.825	--
#5 Florida	--	--	9.825	9.875	--
#4 LSU	--	--	9.900	9.900	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	--	9.200	9.800	--
#14 Boise State	--	--	9.900	9.900	--
at #4 Utah	--	--	9.875	9.825	--
at SEC	--	--	9.875	9.825	--
at NCAA Regional	--	--	9.675	9.850	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	--	9.802	9.827	--
RQS	--	--	9.885	9.850	--
Season High	--	--	9.900	9.900	--
Career High	--	--	9.900	9.900	--



Rachel **DICKSON**

Sophomore | Canton, Mich. | Michigan Elite

Major: Marketing

Events Competed: VT, UB, BB, FX

2018 Awards: All-SEC Team for her performance on bars at the SEC Championship with a score of 9.85 and earned All-Freshman accolades.

2018 Bio Update: competed all-around in all 13 meets...second on team with 12 event titles- one on vault, two on bars, and three on beam, floor, and in the all-around...posted season-high 9.875 on vault and 9.925 on bars... posted career-highs of 9.925 on beam, 9.950 on floor, and 39.625 in the all-around... led Georgia with a 9.850 on vault at Kentucky... led the GymDogs three times on bars with a 9.875 at Alabama, and 9.9's against Oklahoma and at Elevate the Stage... Georgia's top scorer on beam with a 9.925 against Missouri... led Georgia with a 9.9 at Arkansas and a 9.950 against Boise State on floor.



Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	8.825	9.875	9.400	9.825	37.950
#1 Oklahoma	9.825	9.900	9.900	9.875	39.500
#16 Auburn	9.850	9.875	9.775	9.925	39.425
at #10 Arkansas	9.850	9.825	9.850	9.900	39.425
#23 Missouri	9.850	9.900	9.925	9.950	39.625
at Kentucky	9.800	9.750	9.775	9.825	39.150
#5 Florida	9.800	9.825	9.300	9.825	38.750
#4 LSU	9.775	9.250	9.725	9.950	38.700
at Elevate the Stage	9.800	9.900	9.925	9.850	39.475
#14 Boise State	9.850	9.925	9.825	9.950	39.550
at #4 Utah	9.875	9.825	9.650	9.700	39.050
at SEC	9.750	9.850	9.800	9.825	39.225
at NCAA Regional	9.875	9.375	9.850	9.675	38.775
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	9.740	9.805	9.737	9.867	39.152
RQS	9.840	9.885	9.860	9.895	39.435
Season High	9.875	9.925	9.925	9.95	39.625
Career High	9.9	9.95	9.925	9.95	39.625

Ashley FOSS

Freshman | Towaco, N.J. | North Star
Gymnastics

Major: Undecided
Events Competed: None



2018 Bio Update: did not compete due to injury... announced her retirement from gymnastics on March 29, 2018.





Lauren JOHNSON

Senior | Atlanta, Ga. | Gwinnett Gymnastics Center

Undergrad: Human Development & Family Science

Graduate: Public Health

Events Competed: VT, UB

2018 Bio Update: competed vault in 12 meets, and bars in eight meets before tearing her Achilles in the practice round of the NCAA Regional in Tuscaloosa... won three event titles on vault against Auburn and Boise State, and at Kentucky... posted season-high score-high 9.925 on vault and 9.825 on bars...led Georgia four times on vault with a 9.850 at Alabama and Arkansas, a 9.9 at Kentucky, and a 9.925 against Boise State.



<i>Meet</i>	<i>Vault</i>	<i>Bars</i>	<i>Beam</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>All-Around</i>
at #4 Alabama	9.850	9.775	--	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	9.825	9.750	--	--	--
#16 Auburn	9.900	9.725	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	9.700	9.775	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	9.825	9.800	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	9.900	9.825	--	--	--
#5 Florida	9.850	9.775	--	--	--
#4 LSU	9.775	9.650	--	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	9.800	--	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	9.925	--	--	--	--
at #4 Utah	9.900	--	--	--	--
at SEC	9.850	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Regional	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	9.842	9.761	--	--	--
RQS	9.880	9.780	--	--	--
Season High	9.925	9.825	--	--	--
Career High	9.975	9.900	--	--	--

Gigi MARINO



Senior | Scottsdale, Ariz. | Desert Devil Gymnastics

Major: Human Development & Family Science

Events Competed: None

2018 Awards: SEC Community Service Team

2018 Bio Update: competed on vault in the season opener at Alabama before tearing her Achilles during her floor routine, ending her season... named to the SEC Community Service Team.



Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	9.750	--	--	9.000	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--
#16 Auburn	--	--	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	--	--	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--
#5 Florida	--	--	--	--	--
#4 LSU	--	--	--	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	--	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	--	--	--	--	--
at #4 Utah	--	--	--	--	--
at SEC	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Regional	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	--	--	--	--
RQS	--	--	--	--	--
Season High	9.750	--	--	9.000	--
Career High	9.9	--	--	9.95	--



Madison **McPHERSON**

Freshman | Watkinsville, Ga. | Georgia Elite

Major: Undecided

Events Competed: None

2018 Bio Update: did not compete due to injury.



Marissa OAKLEY

Freshman | Huntersville, N.C. | Everest Gymnastics

Major: Undecided

Events Competed: VT, UB, BB



2018 Awards: All-SEC Team for her performance on bars at the SEC Championship with a score of 9.825 and earned All-Freshman accolades.

2018 Bio Update: the only Georgia freshman to compete in all meets during the 2018 season... competed vault, bars, and beam in all 13 meets...fourth on the team with four event titles... claimed season highs of 9.825 on vault, 9.925 on bars, and 9.950 on beam...led Georgia with a 9.9 on bars at Kentucky and against LSU... led Georgia three times on beam with a 9.850 against Florida, a 9.950 against LSU, and a 9.9 at Utah.

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	9.725	9.800	9.175	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	9.800	9.725	9.800	--	--
#16 Auburn	9.800	9.700	9.825	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	9.750	9.875	9.650	--	--
#23 Missouri	9.775	9.900	9.875	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	9.725	9.900	9.600	--	--
#5 Florida	9.725	8.250	9.850	--	--
#4 LSU	9.750	9.900	9.950	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	9.625	9.825	9.825	--	--
#14 Boise State	9.825	9.875	9.850	--	--
at #4 Utah	9.800	9.825	9.900	--	--
at SEC	9.800	9.825	9.775	--	--
at NCAA Regional	9.775	9.925	9.775	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	9.758	9.700	9.756	--	--
RQS	9.790	9.875	9.845	--	--
Season High	9.825	9.925	9.950	--	--
Career High	9.825	9.925	9.950	--	--





Jordyn PEDERSEN

Sophomore | Burlington, Ontario | Manjaks Gymnastics

Major: Education

Events Competed: UB, FX

2018 Bio Update: competed for the first time as a GymDog...
competed on bars in nine meets, and on floor in four meets...posted a
season-high 9.850 on bars and floor...



<i>Meet</i>	<i>Vault</i>	<i>Bars</i>	<i>Beam</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>All-Around</i>
at #4 Alabama	--	--	--	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--
#16 Auburn	--	9.600	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	9.225	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	--	9.850	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	9.775	--	--	--
#5 Florida	--	--	--	--	--
#4 LSU	--	--	--	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	9.800	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	--	9.800	--	9.850	--
at #4 Utah	--	9.775	--	9.650	--
at SEC	--	9.625	--	9.700	--
at NCAA Regional	--	9.775	--	9.150	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	9.681	--	9.730	--
RQS	--	9.755	--	--	--
Season High	--	9.850	--	9.850	--
Career High	--	9.850	--	9.850	--

Hayley SANDERS

Senior | McKinney, Texas | WOGA
Major: Dietetics & Consumer Foods
Events Competed: BB



2018 Bio Update: competed twice on beam at Kentucky and against Boise State on senior day.



<i>Meet</i>	<i>Vault</i>	<i>Bars</i>	<i>Beam</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>All-Around</i>
at #4 Alabama	--	--	--	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--
#16 Auburn	--	--	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	--	--	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	--	9.550	--	--
#5 Florida	--	--	--	--	--
#4 LSU	--	--	--	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	--	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	--	--	9.725	--	--
at #4 Utah	--	--	--	--	--
at SEC	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Regional	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	--	9.638	--	--
RQS	--	--	--	--	--
Season High	--	--	9.725	--	--
Career High	--	9.9	9.875	--	--



Emily **SCHILD**

Freshman | Huntersville, N.C. | Everest Gymnastics

Major: Undecided

Events Competed: VT, BB, FX



2018 Bio Update: came back from a hyperextended knee injury... competed six times on bars and three times on beam... posted season-highs of 9.875 on bars and 9.825 on beam... Led the GymDogs on bars at Utah with a 9.875

<i>Meet</i>	<i>Vault</i>	<i>Bars</i>	<i>Beam</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>All-Around</i>
at #4 Alabama	--	--	--	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--
#16 Auburn	--	--	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	--	--	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--
#5 Florida	--	9.250	--	--	--
#4 LSU	--	9.725	--	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	9.775	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	--	--	--	--	--
at #4 Utah	--	9.875	9.800	--	--
at SEC	--	9.800	9.700	--	--
at NCAA Regional	--	9.850	9.825	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	9.685	9.750	--	--
RQS	--	--	--	--	--
Season High	--	9.875	9.825	--	--
Career High	--	9.875	9.825	--	--

Sydney SNEAD

Junior | Raleigh, N.C. | Sonshine Gymnastics

Major: Marketing

Events Competed: VT, UB, BB, FX



2018 Awards: All-SEC Team for her performance on vault (9.9) and bars (9.85) at the SEC Championship.

2018 Bio Update: competed all-around in all 13 meets...leads the team with 14 event titles- two on vault and beam, and three on bars and floor, in addition to four in the all-around...scored a Perfect 10 on floor against Florida, marking the first 10 by a GymDog since Brittany Rogers earned a 10 on vault at UCLA in 2016, the first inside of Stegeman Coliseum since Grace Taylor on beam in 2010 and the first on floor since Courtney Kupets in 2009 (also against Florida)... posted a season-high 9.925 on vault... posted career-highs of 9.950 on bars, 9.925 on beam, 10.0 on floor, and 39.525 in the all-around... led the GymDogs five times on vault with a 9.925 at Utah, 9.9's against Florida and at the SEC Championship, and 9.85's against Oklahoma and LSU...Georgia's top scorer on bars with a 9.95 against Boise State and a 9.9 at Arkansas... led Georgia with a 9.925 at Arkansas on beam... the top GymDog on floor at Kentucky with a 9.9 and against Florida with a 10.0.



Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	9.850	9.850	9.700	9.200	38.600
#1 Oklahoma	9.850	9.850	9.850	9.800	39.350
#16 Auburn	9.825	9.875	9.875	9.925	39.500
at #10 Arkansas	9.825	9.900	9.925	9.875	39.525
#23 Missouri	9.850	9.875	9.850	9.950	39.525
at # 6 Kentucky	9.850	9.850	9.800	9.900	39.400
#5 Florida	9.900	9.775	9.800	10.00	39.475
#4 LSU	9.850	9.825	9.825	9.850	39.350
at Elevate the Stage	9.300	9.850	9.925	9.850	38.925
#14 Boise State	9.900	9.950	9.850	9.775	39.475
at #4 Utah	9.925	9.850	9.850	9.150	38.775
at SEC	9.900	9.850	9.875	9.800	39.425
at NCAA Regional	9.875	9.925	9.850	9.825	39.475
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	9.819	9.858	9.844	9.756	39.277
RQS	9.880	9.870	9.875	9.900	39.465
Season High	9.925	9.950	9.925	10.00	39.525
Career High	9.95	9.950	9.925	10.00	39.525



Natalie VACULIK

Senior | Whitby, Ontario | Gemini Gymnastics

Major: Consumer Economics

Events Competed: VT, UB, BB

2018 Bio Update: competed bars in all 13 meets, once on vault, and twice on beam...posted season-high scores of 9.725 on vault, 9.875 on bars, and 9.675 on beam...led Georgia on bars against Florida with a 9.850.



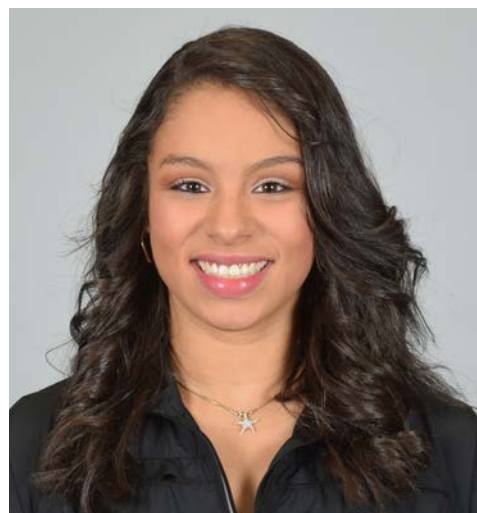
<i>Meet</i>	<i>Vault</i>	<i>Bars</i>	<i>Beam</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>All-Around</i>
at #4 Alabama	--	9.825	9.225	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	9.850	9.675	--	--
#16 Auburn	9.725	9.700	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	9.800	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	--	9.750	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	9.875	--	--	--
#5 Florida	--	9.850	--	--	--
#4 LSU	--	9.825	--	--	--
at Eevate the Stage	--	9.825	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	--	9.875	--	--	--
at #4 Utah	--	9.700	--	--	--
at SEC	--	9.800	--	--	--
at NCAA Regional	--	9.875	--	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	9.806	9.45	--	--
RQS	--	9.845	--	--	--
Season High	9.725	9.875	9.675	--	--
Career High	9.9	9.9	9.9	--	--

Sabrina VEGA

Sophomore | Carmel, N.Y. | GAGE Gymnastics

Major: Biology & Psychology

Events Competed: VT, BB, FX



2018 Awards: SEC Specialist of the Week (Jan. 23)

2018 Bio Update: competed beam and floor in all 13 meets, and on vault in 12 meets...third on the team with five event titles- one on beam, and four on floor...posted career-highs of 9.8 on vault, 9.925 on beam, and 9.975 on floor... led the GymDogs twice on beam with 9.875's at Alabama and the NCAA Regional in Tuscaloosa....earned Georgia's top score on floor five time with 9.9's against Oklahoma, at Utah and at NCAA Regionals, a 9.95 against Auburn, and a 9.975 at Elevate the Stage.



Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	9.775	--	9.875	9.800	--
#1 Oklahoma	9.750	--	9.875	9.900	--
#16 Auburn	9.775	--	9.875	9.950	--
at #10 Arkansas	9.750	--	9.725	9.800	--
#23 Missouri	9.800	--	9.900	9.925	--
at #6 Kentucky	9.625	--	9.850	9.825	--
#5 Florida	9.775	--	9.825	9.925	--
#4 LSU	9.775	--	9.925	9.950	--
at Elevate the Stage	9.675	--	9.875	9.975	--
#14 Boise State	9.775	--	9.850	9.925	--
at #4 Utah	--	--	9.700	9.900	--
at SEC	9.800	--	9.700	9.825	--
at NCAA Regional	9.775		9.875	9.900	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	9.752	--	9.831	9.892	--
RQS	9.775	--	9.875	9.910	--
Season High	9.800	--	9.925	9.975	--
Career High	9.800	--	9.925	9.975	--

2018 STATS

OVERALL: 10-15 • SEC: 3-4 • HOME: 3-3 • AWAY: 1-3 • NEUTRAL: 6-9 • VS. TOP 25: 5-13

DATE	TEAMS	RESULT	TOTAL	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	ATT.
Jan. 12	Georgia	L	194.525	48.950	49.125	48.000	48.450	12,081
	#4 Alabama		196.525	48.600	49.400	49.350	49.175	
Jan. 15	Georgia	L	196.600	49.050	49.075	49.325	49.150	10,072
	#1 Oklahoma		197.550	49.450	49.425	49.300	49.375	
Jan. 19	Georgia	W	196.725	49.150	48.875	49.175	49.525	10,284
	#16 Auburn		196.375	49.125	48.950	49.200	49.100	
Jan. 26	#10 Georgia	L	196.125	48.875	49.175	48.975	49.100	5,517
	#11 Arkansas		197.175	49.100	49.175	49.425	49.475	
Feb. 3	#14 Georgia	W	197.000	49.100	49.325	49.375	49.200	10,071
	#23 Missouri		195.850	48.950	49.000	49.050	48.850	
Feb. 9	#13 Georgia	W	196.150	48.900	49.225	48.900	49.125	
	#6 Kentucky		195.550	48.975	49.025	48.275	49.275	
Feb. 16	#14 Georgia	L	196.125	49.050	48.475	49.100	49.500	10,017
	#5 Florida		196.950	49.400	49.500	48.650	49.400	
Feb. 23	#16 Georgia	L	196.725	48.925	48.925	49.375	49.500	10,050
	#2 LSU		197.575	49.300	49.425	49.425	49.425	
March 2	#17 Georgia	4th	195.825	48.200	49.200	49.200	49.225	2445
	#16 Nebraska	L	196.700	49.150	49.300	49.250	49.000	
	#26 Stanford	L	195.925	48.900	48.900	49.150	48.975	
	#33 Illinois	L	195.900	48.550	49.175	49.225	48.950	
March 10	#17 Georgia	W	197.525	49.350	49.425	49.275	49.475	10,118
	#14 Boise State		196.625	49.100	49.125	49.000	49.400	
March 16	#18 Georgia	L	196.350	49.275	49.150	49.125	48.800	15,208
	#4 Utah		198.150	49.400	49.450	49.525	49.775	
March 24	#18 Georgia	4th	196.350	49.275	49.150	49.125	48.800	
	#2 LSU	L	197.400	49.400	49.400	49.300	49.300	
	#6 Alabama	L	196.975	49.300	48.950	49.450	49.275	
	#5 Florida	L	196.825	49.475	49.400	49.550	48.400	
	#9 Kentucky	L	196.550	49.300	49.100	48.875	49.275	
	#11 Arkansas	L	196.425	48.975	49.150	49.225	49.075	
	#21 Missouri	W	196.100	48.975	49.025	49.175	48.925	
	#16 Auburn	W	195.650	49.125	48.900	48.825	48.800	
April 7	#18 Georgia	2nd	196.500	49.025	49.350	49.175	48.950	
	#6 Alabama	L	197.225	49.350	49.400	49.275	49.200	
	#23 Illinois	W	196.425	49.050	49.125	49.200	49.050	
	#7 Michigan	W	196.350	49.050	49.375	49.075	48.850	
	#22 Missouri	W	196.100	48.975	49.075	49.050	49.000	
	#36 Central Michigan	W	195.825	48.850	49.075	48.975	48.925	

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Jasmine Arnold

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	--	--	--	9.800	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	--	9.825	--
#16 Auburn	--	--	9.675	9.850	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	--	9.650	9.825	--
#23 Missouri	--	--	9.700	9.550	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	--	--	9.750	--
#5 Florida	--	--	--	9.875	--
#4 LSU	--	--	9.775	9.850	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	--	9.650	9.750	--
#14 Boise State	9.850	--	--	9.850	--
at #4 Utah	9.775	--	--	9.725	--
at SEC	9.800	--	--	9.775	--
at NCAA Regional	9.725	--	--	9.700	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	9.808	--	9.708	9.785	--
RQS	--	--	--	9.820	--
Season High	9.850	--	9.775	9.875	--
Career High	9.850	--	9.775	9.875	--

Vivi Babalis

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	--	--	9.800	9.825	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	9.900	9.750	--
#16 Auburn	--	--	9.825	9.875	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	--	9.825	9.700	--
#23 Missouri	--	--	9.825	9.825	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	--	9.875	9.825	--
#5 Florida	--	--	9.825	9.875	--
#4 LSU	--	--	9.900	9.900	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	--	9.200	9.800	--
#14 Boise State	--	--	9.900	9.900	--
at #4 Utah	--	--	9.875	9.825	--
at SEC	--	--	9.875	9.825	--
at NCAA Regional	--	--	9.675	9.850	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	--	9.802	9.827	--
RQS	--	--	9.885	9.850	--
Season High	--	--	9.900	9.900	--
Career High	--	--	9.900	9.900	--

Rachel Dickson

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	8.825	9.875	9.400	9.825	37.950
#1 Oklahoma	9.825	9.900	9.900	9.875	39.500
#16 Auburn	9.850	9.875	9.775	9.925	39.425
at #10 Arkansas	9.850	9.825	9.850	9.900	39.425
#23 Missouri	9.850	9.900	9.925	9.950	39.625
at Kentucky	9.800	9.750	9.775	9.825	39.150
#5 Florida	9.800	9.825	9.300	9.825	38.750
#4 LSU	9.775	9.250	9.725	9.950	38.700
at Elevate the Stage	9.800	9.900	9.925	9.850	39.475
#14 Boise State	9.850	9.925	9.825	9.950	39.550
at #4 Utah	9.875	9.825	9.650	9.700	39.050
at SEC	9.750	9.850	9.800	9.825	39.225
at NCAA Regional	9.875	9.375	9.850	9.675	38.775
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	9.740	9.805	9.737	9.867	39.152
RQS	9.840	9.885	9.860	9.895	39.435
Season High	9.875	9.925	9.925	9.95	39.625
Career High	9.9	9.95	9.925	9.95	39.625

Ashley Foss

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	--	--	--	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--
#16 Auburn	--	--	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	--	--	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--
#5 Florida	--	--	--	--	--
#4 LSU	--	--	--	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	--	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	--	--	--	--	--
at #4 Utah	--	--	--	--	--
at SEC	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Regional	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	--	--	--	--
RQS	--	--	--	--	--
Season High	--	--	--	--	--
Career High	--	--	--	--	--

Lauren Johnson

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	9.850	9.775	--	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	9.825	9.750	--	--	--
#16 Auburn	9.900	9.725	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	9.700	9.775	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	9.825	9.800	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	9.900	9.825	--	--	--
#5 Florida	9.850	9.775	--	--	--
#4 LSU	9.775	9.650	--	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	9.800	--	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	9.925	--	--	--	--
at #4 Utah	9.900	--	--	--	--
at SEC	9.850	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Regional	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	9.842	9.761	--	--	--
RQS	9.880	9.780	--	--	--
Season High	9.925	9.825	--	--	--
Career High	9.975	9.900	--	--	--

Gigi Marino

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	9.750	--	--	9.000	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--
#16 Auburn	--	--	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	--	--	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--
#5 Florida	--	--	--	--	--
#4 LSU	--	--	--	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	--	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	--	--	--	--	--
at #4 Utah	--	--	--	--	--
at SEC	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Regional	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	--	--	--	--
RQS	--	--	--	--	--
Season High	9.750	--	--	9.000	--
Career High	9.9	--	--	9.95	--

Madison McPherson

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	--	--	--	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--
#16 Auburn	--	--	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	--	--	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--
#5 Florida	--	--	--	--	--
#4 LSU	--	--	--	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	--	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	--	--	--	--	--
at #4 Utah	--	--	--	--	--
at SEC	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Regional	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	--	--	--	--
RQS	--	--	--	--	--
Season High	--	--	--	--	--
Career High	--	--	--	--	--

Marissa Oakley

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	9.725	9.800	9.175	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	9.800	9.725	9.800	--	--
#16 Auburn	9.800	9.700	9.825	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	9.750	9.875	9.650	--	--
#23 Missouri	9.775	9.900	9.875	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	9.725	9.900	9.600	--	--
#5 Florida	9.725	8.250	9.850	--	--
#4 LSU	9.750	9.900	9.950	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	9.625	9.825	9.825	--	--
#14 Boise State	9.825	9.875	9.850	--	--
at #4 Utah	9.800	9.825	9.900	--	--
at SEC	9.800	9.825	9.775	--	--
at NCAA Regional	9.775	9.925	9.775	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	9.758	9.700	9.756	--	--
RQS	9.790	9.875	9.845	--	--
Season High	9.825	9.925	9.950	--	--
Career High	9.825	9.925	9.950	--	--

Jordyn Pedersen

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	--	--	--	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--
#16 Auburn	--	9.600	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	9.225	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	--	9.850	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	9.775	--	--	--
#5 Florida	--	--	--	--	--
#4 LSU	--	--	--	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	9.800	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	--	9.800	--	9.850	--
at #4 Utah	--	9.775	--	9.650	--
at SEC	--	9.625	--	9.700	--
at NCAA Regional	--	9.775	--	9.150	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	9.681	--	9.730	--
RQS	--	9.755	--	--	--
Season High	--	9.850	--	9.850	--
Career High	--	9.850	--	9.850	--

Hayley Sanders

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	--	--	--	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--
#16 Auburn	--	--	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	--	--	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	--	9.550	--	--
#5 Florida	--	--	--	--	--
#4 LSU	--	--	--	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	--	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	--	--	9.725	--	--
at #4 Utah	--	--	--	--	--
at SEC	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Regional	--	--	--	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	--	9.638	--	--
RQS	--	--	--	--	--
Season High	--	--	9.725	--	--
Career High	--	9.9	9.875	--	--

Emily Schild

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	--	--	--	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--
#16 Auburn	--	--	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	--	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	--	--	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	--	--	--	--
#5 Florida	--	9.250	--	--	--
#4 LSU	--	9.725	--	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	9.775	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	--	--	--	--	--
at #4 Utah	--	9.875	9.800	--	--
at SEC	--	9.800	9.700	--	--
at NCAA Regional	--	9.850	9.825	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	9.685	9.750	--	--
RQS	--	--	--	--	--
Season High	--	9.875	9.825	--	--
Career High	--	9.875	9.825	--	--

Sydney Snead

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	9.850	9.850	9.700	9.200	38.600
#1 Oklahoma	9.850	9.850	9.850	9.800	39.350
#16 Auburn	9.825	9.875	9.875	9.925	39.500
at #10 Arkansas	9.825	9.900	9.925	9.875	39.525
#23 Missouri	9.850	9.875	9.850	9.950	39.525
at #6 Kentucky	9.850	9.850	9.800	9.900	39.400
#5 Florida	9.900	9.775	9.800	10.00	39.475
#4 LSU	9.850	9.825	9.825	9.850	39.350
at Elevate the Stage	9.300	9.850	9.925	9.850	38.925
#14 Boise State	9.900	9.950	9.850	9.775	39.475
at #4 Utah	9.925	9.850	9.850	9.150	38.775
at SEC	9.900	9.850	9.875	9.800	39.425
at NCAA Regional	9.875	9.925	9.850	9.825	39.475
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	9.819	9.858	9.844	9.756	39.277
RQS	9.880	9.870	9.875	9.900	39.465
Season High	9.925	9.950	9.925	10.00	39.525
Career High	9.95	9.950	9.925	10.00	39.525

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Natalie Vaculik

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	--	9.825	9.225	--	--
#1 Oklahoma	--	9.850	9.675	--	--
#16 Auburn	9.725	9.700	--	--	--
at #10 Arkansas	--	9.800	--	--	--
#23 Missouri	--	9.750	--	--	--
at #6 Kentucky	--	9.875	--	--	--
#5 Florida	--	9.850	--	--	--
#4 LSU	--	9.825	--	--	--
at Elevate the Stage	--	9.825	--	--	--
#14 Boise State	--	9.875	--	--	--
at #4 Utah	--	9.700	--	--	--
at SEC	--	9.800	--	--	--
at NCAA Regional	--	9.875	--	--	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	--	9.806	9.45	--	--
RQS	--	9.845	--	--	--
Season High	9.725	9.875	9.675	--	--
Career High	9.9	9.9	9.9	--	--

Sabrina Vega

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	9.775	--	9.875	9.800	--
#1 Oklahoma	9.750	--	9.875	9.900	--
#16 Auburn	9.775	--	9.875	9.950	--
at #10 Arkansas	9.750	--	9.725	9.800	--
#23 Missouri	9.800	--	9.900	9.925	--
at #6 Kentucky	9.625	--	9.850	9.825	--
#5 Florida	9.775	--	9.825	9.925	--
#4 LSU	9.775	--	9.925	9.950	--
at Elevate the Stage	9.675	--	9.875	9.975	--
#14 Boise State	9.775	--	9.850	9.925	--
at #4 Utah	--	--	9.700	9.900	--
at SEC	9.800	--	9.700	9.825	--
at NCAA Regional	9.775	--	9.875	9.900	--
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	9.752	--	9.831	9.892	--
RQS	9.775	--	9.875	9.910	--
Season High	9.800	--	9.925	9.975	--
Career High	9.800	--	9.925	9.975	--

TEAM

Meet	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
at #4 Alabama	48.950	49.125	48.000	48.450	194.525
#1 Oklahoma	49.050	49.075	49.325	49.150	196.600
#16 Auburn	49.150	48.875	49.175	49.525	196.725
at #10 Arkansas	48.875	49.175	48.975	49.100	196.125
#23 Missouri	49.100	49.325	49.375	49.200	197.000
at #6 Kentucky	48.900	49.225	48.900	49.125	196.150
#5 Florida	49.050	48.475	49.100	49.500	196.125
#4 LSU	48.925	48.925	49.375	49.500	196.725
at Elevate the Stage	48.200	49.200	49.200	49.225	195.825
#14 Boise State	49.350	49.425	49.275	49.475	197.525
at #4 Utah	49.275	49.150	49.125	48.800	196.350
at SEC	49.150	49.125	49.025	49.050	196.350
at NCAA Regional	49.025	49.350	49.150	48.950	196.500
at NCAA Semis	--	--	--	--	--
Average	48.998	49.092	49.071	49.175	196.335
RQS	49.125	49.215	49.210	49.290	196.515
Season High	49.350	49.425	49.375	49.525	197.525

UGA CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

Year	Team Final/Semifinal	Super Six
1984	9th; 177.600	--
1985	7th; 180.900	--
1986	4th; 184.050	--
1987	1st; 187.900	--
1988	5th; 186.800	--
1989	1st; 192.650	--
1990	3rd; 193.225	--
1991	3rd; 193.375	--
1992	2nd; 194.600	--
1993	1st; 196.400	1st; 198.000
1994	1st; 195.050	3rd; 195.850
1995	1st; 196.825	5th; 196.075
1996	1st; 1996.400	T-3rd; 196.775
1997	1st; 197.075	3rd; 196.600
1998	1st; 197.825	1st; 197.725
1999	1st; 197.025	1st; 196.850
2000	1st; 196.775	3rd; 196.800
2001	1st; 197.100	2nd; 197.400
2002	2nd; 196.650	2nd; 197.250
2003	3rd; 196.625	3rd; 197.150
2004	3rd; 196.775	2nd; 197.200
2005	1st; 197.350	1st; 197.825
2006	1st; 197.275	1st; 197.750
2007	1st; 197.700	1st; 197.850
2008	1st; 197.700	1st; 197.450
2009	1st; 197.625	1st; 197.825
2011	T4th; 195.450	T9th; N/A
2012	5th; 196.500	11th; N/A
2013	3rd; 197.150	6th; 196.675
2014	2nd; 197.300	5th; 197.550
2015	5th; 196.600	11th; N/A
2016	3rd; 196.725	6th; 196.8125
2017	6th; 195.800	12th; N/A



SEASON HIGHS

<i>Gymnast</i>	<i>Vault</i>	<i>Bars</i>	<i>Beam</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>All-Around</i>
Jasmine Arnold	9.850	--	9.775	9.875	--
Vivi Babalis	--	--	9.900	9.900	--
Rachel Dickson	9.875	9.925	9.925	9.950	39.625
Ashley Foss	--	--	--	--	--
Lauren Johnson	9.925	9.825	--	--	--
Gigi Marino	9.750	--	--	9.000	--
Madison McPherson	--	--	--	--	--
Marissa Oakley	9.825	9.925	9.950	--	--
Jordyn Pedersen	--	9.850	--	9.850	--
Hayley Sanders	--	--	9.725	--	--
Emily Schild	--	9.875	9.825	--	--
Sydney Snead	9.925	9.950	9.925	10.00	39.525
Natalie Vaculik	9.725	9.875	9.675	--	--
Sabrina Vega	9.800	--	9.925	9.975	--
TEAM	49.350	49.425	49.375	49.525	197.525

CAREER HIGHS

<i>Gymnast</i>	<i>Vault</i>	<i>Bars</i>	<i>Beam</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>All-Around</i>
Jasmine Arnold	9.850	--	9.775	9.875	--
Vivi Babalis	--	--	9.900	9.900	--
Rachel Dickson	9.900	9.950	9.925	9.950	39.625
Ashley Foss	--	--	--	--	--
Lauren Johnson	9.975	9.900	--	--	--
Gigi Marino	9.900	--	--	9.950	--
Madison McPherson	--	--	--	--	--
Marissa Oakley	9.825	9.925	9.950	--	--
Jordyn Pedersen	--	9.850	--	9.850	--
Hayley Sanders	--	9.900	9.875	--	--
Emily Schild	--	9.875	9.825	--	--
Sydney Snead	9.950	9.950	9.925	10.00	39.525
Natalie Vaculik	9.900	9.900	9.900	--	--
Sabrina Vega	9.800	--	9.925	9.975	--

EVENT/ALL-AROUND WINNERS

VIVI BABALIS (3)

<i>Beam (3)</i>	
Oklahoma	9.9
at Kentucky	9.875
Boise State	9.9

RACHEL DICKSON (12)

<i>Vault (1)</i>	
Missouri	9.85
<i>Bars (2)</i>	
Auburn	9.875
Missouri	9.9
<i>Beam (3)</i>	
Oklahoma	9.9
Missouri	9.925
Elevate the Stage	9.925
<i>Floor (3)</i>	
Missouri	9.95
LSU	9.950
Boise State	9.950
<i>All-Around (3)</i>	
Oklahoma	39.500
Missouri	39.625
Boise State	39.550

LAUREN JOHNSON (3)

<i>Vault (3)</i>	
Auburn	9.9
at Kentucky	9.9
Boise State	9.925

MARISSA OAKLEY (4)

<i>Bars (3)</i>	
Missouri	9.9
at Kentucky	9.9
LSU	9.9
<i>Beam (1)</i>	
LSU	9.950

SYDNEY SNEAD (14)

<i>Vault (2)</i>	
Missouri	9.85
at Utah	9.925
<i>Bars (3)</i>	
Auburn	9.875
at Arkansas	9.9
Boise State	9.950
<i>Beam (2)</i>	
Auburn	9.875
Elevate the Stage	9.925
<i>Floor (3)</i>	
Missouri	9.95

at Kentucky	9.9
Florida	10.00
<i>All-Around (4)</i>	
Auburn	39.500
at Arkansas	39.525
at Kentucky	39.400
Florida	39.475

SABRINA VEGA (6)

<i>Beam (1)</i>	
Auburn	9.875
<i>Floor (5)</i>	
Oklahoma	9.9
Auburn	9.950
LSU	9.950
Elevate the Stage	9.975
NCAA Regional	9.9

SUPERLATIVES

OVERALL TEAM SCORE

1.	197.525	v. No. 14 Boise State	3/10/18
2.	197.000	v. No. 23 Missouri	2/3/18
T3.	196.725	v. No. 16 Auburn	1/19/18
T3.	196.725	v. No. 2 LSU	2/23/18
5.	196.600	v. No. 1 Oklahoma	1/15/18
6.	196.500	at NCAA Regional	4/7/18
T7.	196.350	at No. 4 Utah	3/16/18
T7.	196.350	at SEC Championship	3/24/18
T9.	196.125	at No. 11 Arkansas	1/26/18
T9.	196.125	v. No. 5 Florida	2/16/18

TEAM VAULT SCORE

1.	49.350	v. No. 14 Boise State	3/10/18
T2.	49.275	at No. 4 Utah	3/16/18
T2.	49.275	at SEC Championship	3/24/18
4.	49.150	v. No. 16 Auburn	1/19/18
5.	49.100	v. No. 23 Missouri	2/3/18
T6.	49.050	v. No. 1 Oklahoma	1/15/18
T6.	49.050	v. No. 5 Florida	2/16/18
8.	49.025	at NCAA Regional	4/7/18
9.	48.950	at No. 4 Alabama	1/12/18
10.	48.925	v. No. 2 LSU	2/23/18

TEAM BARS SCORE

1.	49.425	v. No. 14 Boise State	3/10/18
2.	39.350	at NCAA Regional	4/7/18
3.	49.325	v. No. 23 Missouri	2/3/18
4.	49.225	at No. 6 Kentucky	2/9/18
5.	49.200	at Elevate the Stage	3/2/18
6.	49.175	at No. 11 Arkansas	1/26/18
T7.	49.150	at No. 4 Utah	3/16/18
T7.	49.150	at SEC Championship	3/24/18
9.	49.125	at No. 4 Alabama	1/12/18
10.	49.075	v. No. 1 Oklahoma	1/15/18

TEAM BEAM SCORE

T1.	49.350	v. No. 23 Missouri	2/3/18
T1.	49.350	v. No. 2 LSU	2/23/18
3.	49.325	v. No. 1 Oklahoma	1/15/18
4.	49.275	v. No. 14 Boise State	3/10/18
5.	49.200	at Elevate the Stage	3/2/18
T6.	49.175	v. No. 16 Auburn	1/19/18
T6.	49.175	at NCAA Regional	4/7/18
T8.	49.125	at No. 4 Utah	3/16/18
T8.	49.125	at SEC Championship	3/24/18
10.	49.100	v. No. 5 Florida	2/16/18

TEAM FLOOR SCORE

1.	49.525	v. No. 16 Auburn	1/19/18
T2.	49.500	v. No. 5 Florida	2/16/18
T2.	49.500	v. No. 2 LSU	2/23/18
4.	49.475	v. No. 14 Boise State	3/10/18
5.	49.225	at Elevate the State	3/2/18
6.	49.200	v. No. 23 Missouri	2/3/18
7.	49.150	v. No. 1 Oklahoma	1/15/18
8.	49.125	at No. 6 Kentucky	2/9/18
9.	48.950	at NCAA Regional	4/7/18

INDIVIDUAL ALL-AROUND

1.	39.625	Rachel Dickson	v. Missouri
2.	39.550	Rachel Dickson	v. Boise State
T3.	39.525	Sydney Snead	v. Missouri
T3.	39.525	Sydney Snead	at Arkansas
T5.	39.500	Rachel Dickson	v. Oklahoma
T5.	39.500	Sydney Snead	v. Auburn
T7.	39.475	Rachel Dickson	at Elevate the Stage
T7.	39.475	Sydney Snead	v. Florida
T7.	39.475	Sydney Snead	v. Boise State
T7.	39.475	Sydney Snead	at NCAA Regional

INDIVIDUAL VAULT

T1.	9.925	Sydney Snead	at Utah
T1.	9.925	Lauren Johnson	v. Boise State
T2.	9.9	Sydney Snead	at SEC
T2.	9.9	Sydney Snead	v. Boise State
T2.	9.9	Sydney Snead	v. Florida
T2.	9.9	Lauren Johnson	at Utah
T2.	9.9	Lauren Johnson	at Kentucky
T2.	9.9	Lauren Johnson	v. Auburn
T9.	9.875	Rachel Dickson	at NCAA Regional
T9.	9.875	Sydney Snead	at NCAA Regional
T9.	9.875	Rachel Dickson	at Utah

INDIVIDUAL BARS

1.	9.950	Sydney Snead	v. Boise State
T2.	9.925	Sydney Snead	at NCAA Regionals
T2.	9.925	Rachel Dickson	v. Boise State
T2.	9.925	Marissa Oakley	at NCAA Regionals
T5.	9.9	Sydney Snead	at Arkansas
T5.	9.9	Rachel Dickson	at Elevate the Stage
T5.	9.9	Rachel Dickson	v. Missouri
T5.	9.9	Rachel Dickson	v. Oklahoma
T5.	9.9	Marissa Oakley	v. LSU
T5.	9.9	Marissa Oakley	at Kentucky
T5.	9.9	Marissa Oakley	v. Missouri

INDIVIDUAL BEAM

1.	9.950	Marissa Oakley	v. LSU
T2.	9.925	Sabrina Vega	v. LSU
T2.	9.925	Sydney Snead	at Elevate the Stage
T2.	9.925	Sydney Snead	at Arkansas
T2.	9.925	Rachel Dickson	at Elevate the Stage
T2.	9.925	Rachel Dickson	v. Missouri
T7.	9.9	Sabrina Vega	v. Missouri
T7.	9.9	Rachel Dickson	v. Missouri
T7.	9.9	Vivi Babalis	v. Oklahoma
T7.	9.9	Vivi Babalis	v. LSU
T7.	9.9	Vivi Babalis	v. Boise State

INDIVIDUAL FLOOR

1.	10.0	Sydney Snead	v. Florida
2.	9.975	Sabrina Vega	at Elevate the Stage
T3.	9.950	Sydney Snead	v. Missouri
T3.	9.950	Sabrina Vega	v. LSU
T3.	9.950	Sabrina Vega	v. Auburn
T3.	9.950	Rachel Dickson	v. Missouri

T3.	9.950	Rachel Dickson	v. LSU
T3.	9.950	Rachel Dickson	v. Boise State
T9.	9.925	Sydney Snead	v. Auburn
T9.	9.925	Sabrina Vega	v. Missouri
T9.	9.925	Sabrina Vega	v. Florida
T9.	9.925	Sabrina Vega	v. Boise State
T9.	9.925	Rachel Dickson	v. Auburn

TOP GEORGIA FINISHERS BY MEET

DATE	OPPONENT	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	ALL-AROUND
Jan. 12	Alabama	Johnson- 9.850	Dickson- 9.875	Vega- 9.875	Babalis- 9.825	Snead- 38.600
Jan. 15	Oklahoma	Snead- 9.850	Dickson- 9.9	Babalis- 9.9	Vega- 9.9	Dickson- 39.500
Jan. 19	Auburn	Johnson- 9.9	Snead/Dickson Tied- 9.875	Snead/Vega Tied- 9.875	Vega- 9.950	Snead- 39.500
Jan. 26	Arkansas	Dickson- 9.850	Snead- 9.9	Snead- 9.925	Dickson- 9.9	Snead- 39.525
Feb. 3	Missouri	Dickson/Snead Tied- 9.850	Dickson/Oakley Tied- 9.9	Dickson- 9.925	Dickson/Snead Tied- 9.950	Dickson- 39.625
Feb. 9	Kentucky	Johnson- 9.9	Oakley- 9.9	Babalis- 9.875	Snead- 9.9	Snead- 39.400
Feb. 16	Florida	Snead- 9.9	Vaculik- 9.850	Oakley- 9.850	Snead- 10.0	Snead- 39.475
Feb. 23	LSU	Snead- 9.850	Oakley- 9.9	Oakley- 9.950	Dickson/Vega Tied- 9.950	Snead- 39.350
March 2	Elevate the Stage	Dickson/Johnson Tied- 9.800	Dickson- 9.9	Dickson/Snead Tied- 9.925	Vega- 9.975	Dickson- 39.475
March 10	Boise State	Johnson- 9.925	Snead- 9.950	Babalis- 9.9	Dickson- 9.950	Dickson- 39.550
March 16	Utah	Snead- 9.925	Schild- 9.875	Oakley- 9.9	Vega- 9.9	Dickson- 39.050
March 24	SEC Champ	Snead- 9.9	Dickson/Snead Tied- 9.850	Babalis/Snead Tied- 9.875	Babalis/Dickson/ Vega- 9.825	Snead- 39.425
April 7	NCAA Regional	Dickson/Snead Tied- 9.875	Snead/Oakley Tied- 9.925	Vega- 9.875	Vega- 9.9	Snead- 39.475

HER FIRST LANGUAGE IS ENGLISH BUT WHEN THIS GYMDOG COMPETES, SHE'S THINKING IN FRENCH

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ATHENS- Her first language is English. She learned gymnastics in French. She speaks to her grandparents in Greek.

Meet Vivi Babalis, the trilingual Georgia GymDog.

Babalis grew up in Montreal and quickly experienced these three different languages at an early age. English is what her parents, Sia and Chris Babalis, spoke at home. But at the young age of 4, she joined a club gym, which was led by a coaching staff that spoke solely in French. At first, there was a language barrier. While learning the sport, Babalis also learned how to speak French, and this was before she ever attended a school.

As Babalis grew accustomed to the language, she subsequently learned all of her gymnastics terms in French.

To this day, Babalis thinks in French when she competes.

"My gymnastics, all my skills are in French in my mind," she said. "I still think in French when I do it."

When Babalis came to Georgia, that made things somewhat challenging when taking cues from her English-speaking coaches. When former head coach Danna Durante would offer instruction or corrections, Babalis would have to take the English words and translate them mentally to French.

Georgia head coach Courtney Kupets Carter marveled at Babalis' ability to do such a thing.

"She learned all her gymnastics terms in French," Kupets Carter said. "When she first got here she had to translate all the corrections from English to French, so it took her a second."

Now that Babalis is a senior, the internal translation isn't as time consuming as it once was.

"If Courtney gives me a correction, now I'm old enough so it's easier to process it," Babalis said. "But when I was (translating to) French it was making sure I was doing the right thing and not comprehending something different."

On any given day, it is possible for Babalis to speak three different languages.

The grade school she attended was trilingual, focusing on English and Greek while also teaching French. Babalis' parents are of Greek origin, with each of her grandparents speaking the language. That made learning Greek important since she can

speak to her grandparents in their native language.

As Babalis improved in gymnastics, she changed to a "half-a-day" school so she could get the necessary training in. At this particular school, the educators only spoke French.

Babalis competed for the Canadian women's national gymnastics team in 2010 and 2011. Through four meets in her final season at Georgia, Babalis has posted a 9.825 or better on beam (including a 9.9 against Oklahoma) and a 9.7 or better on floor (including a 9.875 against Auburn).

Heading into Saturday's meet against Missouri, Babalis said the GymDogs have been working on their fundamentals to hopefully see some better scores.

"We're focusing on details and really mostly landings, hitting the handstands on bars, and little tenths we give away easily," Babalis said.



COURTNEY KUPETS CARTER GOES FROM GYMDOG TO GEORGIA HEAD COACH

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ATHENS- In May 2017, Georgia announced a new head coach to lead its gymnastics program.

A familiar face to Bulldog nation, former GymDog Courtney Kupets Carter was named to the helm, with the hopes that she would return the program to its former glory. She knows this greatness all too well, as she herself was a huge piece of the legacy surrounding Georgia gymnastics.

Kupets Carter, a member of four national championship teams, not only took a job, but returned to the sport that she loves and to the place where she shined.

Kupets Carter's gymnastics career began when she was 3 years old, and she quickly rose to the top of the sport. She reached elite gymnastics status in 1999 at 13 and became a back-to-back U.S. national champion in 2003 and 2004.

Her career then led her to a spot on the Olympic team in 2004. Hosted in Athens, Greece, Kupets Carter contributed to her team's silver medal and earned herself an individual bronze medal on the uneven bars.

Following the Olympics, Kupets Carter went on an Olympics exhibition tour before returning to competition. She joined the Georgia gymnastics team in 2005 and began her collegiate career under decorated head coach Suzanne Yoculan.

Quickly carrying over her success from elite to collegiate gymnastics, Kupets Carter and the Bulldogs won a team national championship in 2006 and Kupets Carter won the individual all-around, bars and beam national titles.

Kupets Carter continued her domination for the remainder of her career at Georgia. In her four years, Kupets Carter was a contributing member of four national championship teams as well as a three-time all-around national champion, two-time balance beam national champion, two-time bars national champion, floor national champion and vault national champion.

Her face now on the center of the wall of Stegeman Coliseum with other great Georgia athletes, Kupets Carter remains the only NCAA gymnast to win the title in the all-around competition as well as every individual event. She is also Georgia's only winner of the Honda-Broderick Cup, which is awarded to the top female collegiate athlete across all sports.

Former head coach and current volunteer assistant coach, Yoculan, now known as Suzanne Yoculan Leebern, said that what

separated Kupets Carter from the rest of the gymnasts was not that she had the prettiest handstands on the bars or the most power when she tumbles.

Yoculan Leebern said what set Kupets Carter apart was what went on in her head every day at practice and every time she stepped up to an event on the competition floor.

"Yes, she has all of the physical attributes of a successful gymnast, but so many gymnasts have all the flexibility, strength and awareness, but they just don't have the mental strength, and that's where she really separated herself," Yoculan Leebern said.

Her innate mental toughness, which served her well through injuries and performance ups and downs, also may have kept her at the top of her sport. The difference in Kupets Carter was she kept her eye on the bigger picture.

Yoculan Leebern described Kupets Carter as a "thinker," and said she could see the wheels turning at practice and on the competition floor. Aware of her body at all times, Kupets Carter was always looking to make improvements to herself and her routines, never focused on breaking NCAA records or how high the score was.

"I was amazed with her during her entire career," Yoculan Leebern said. "She was so easy. You would tell her something, and she was one step ahead of you. Whatever I was thinking about telling her to do, she was already doing it."

Road to head coach

Life after collegiate gymnastics slowed a bit for Kupets Carter as she began to find her place in post-graduation life.

Following her college career, Kupets Carter served as a student coach for the Bulldogs in 2010. She then took a hiatus from the sport in 2014, joining Le Reve, a Las Vegas water show that featured acrobatics, swimming and dancing. Returning to the gym and Athens in 2016, Kupets Carter coached at the club level at Oconee Gymnastics and Cheer.

"Gymnastics is a sport that you have to step away from for a few years when you change your role in it," Kupets Carter said. "It's about finding what fit is for you."

The firing of former Georgia head coach Danna Durante in late April of 2017 sparked the ideal opportunity for Kupets Carter to get into collegiate coaching. In previous years, she looked for positions as a head coach or an assistant, but it never felt right.

"I thought about being a college coach before and I had looked at other schools, but it never really felt like a fit," Kupets Carter

said. "I always thought 'What would it take, when the opportunity arose at Georgia, for me to get it?'"

Kupets Carter knew from past experience that Georgia looks for exceptional resumes from experienced head coaches and that the athletic department would be looking for the same thing once again.

Immediately putting in her application, Kupets Carter said she was aware of her limited coaching experience, but she felt she had something to bring to the table.

Relying on her mentor and former college coach for advice, Kupets Carter called Yoculan Leebern, who coached the GymDogs from 1983 to 2009 and lead the team to 10 national championships, to ask her advice and get guidance from the best in the business.

Coming off a disappointing season in 2017 under Durante, Kupets Carter's current team also had no worries about it's future coach's experience level. In fact, most of her current team watched Kupets Carter compete in the 2004 Olympics and followed her career when she came to Georgia.

Junior Sydney Snead, who competes in all four events for the GymDogs, said she could not contain her excitement when she heard the news of her new head coach, and began the motivation for the upcoming season for her.

"I was jumping up and down, running around my house," Snead said. "She was such a big star here and had so much success, so to be able to learn from her, I just remember being so excited that I couldn't wait to get back to Athens to meet her and get to work."

Some doubted the ability of Kupets Carter when she was first named head coach because of her lack of experience as a head coach. However, her future team was never worried about her abilities but rather looked to her as someone that had stood in their shoes and could relate to them.

Senior Natalie Vaculik said she has a photo of herself on her recruiting trip to Georgia, standing in front of a blown-up photograph of Kupets Carter from her college days. Vaculik struck the same pose, not knowing that three years later she would be coached by the person she admired.

"She has a huge legacy here," Vaculik said. "I know she hadn't coached collegiate gymnastics before, but none of us had any doubts that she wasn't fit for the job."

Rebuilding a legacy program

When Kupets Carter competed as a GymDog, she competed in the height of the legacy that was Georgia gymnastics. Knowing what it is like to have to balance school with practice and competitions all while being in the public eye, Kupets Carter has been able to share her own experiences with her athletes and relate to them on a personal level.

Yoculan Leebern, who has been able to watch Kupets Carter take over and see the changes that she has made in the way things are done, said she is proud of the way that Kupets Carter is handling her athletes and creating the attitude and environment that she used to have.

"She has a good rapport with the athletes already," Yoculan Leebern said. "She's younger. It's really good for the athletes, having someone that also went through the competitive stresses that they're going through. She can relate to all of that so well."

Bringing the mental toughness that she utilized throughout her own career to her team, Kupets Carter is trying to change the way that Georgia does gymnastics back to the way that it was when she was on the team.

The most important attribute that Kupets Carter is trying to bring back and instill in her athletes is the power of a positive attitude, especially in a team that has been plagued with injury since the start of the season. As a result, she and her entire coaching staff have used positive reinforcement and encouragement to support their athletes.

"I've had a lot of negative things, everything that could happen as a gymnast," Kupets Carter said. "If you constantly are negative, it takes longer to heal. You have to be really quick to turn on that switch of positive reinforcement because it is a mental sport."

Making more changes outside of the gym, Kupets Carter facilitated ways for her team to become closer. Kupets Carter said that the power of team and their support for one another could be the difference at the end of the day.

Vaculik said that one of the biggest changes she has felt since the coaching change was the relationship between athletes and coaches.

"I think each and every one of us can say that we feel supported," Vaculik said. "Not just in our gymnastics but outside of the gym and in every aspect of our life."

Outside of the coaching staff, there is an entire fan base of Georgia fans that wants to see the team succeed. The GymDogs have already had full-capacity at two of their home meets in Stegeman Coliseum.

Knowing the power of having the Bulldog nation cheer as the athletes compete, Kupets Carter looks for the girls to look up and look around them at the great thing that they represent and are part of.

FORMER GYMNAST-COACH DUO COURTNEY KUPETS CARTER AND SUZANNE YOCULAN LEEBERN COACH TOGETHER AT GEORGIA

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ATHENS- Georgia gymnastics head coach Courtney Kupets Carter and volunteer assistant coach Suzanne Yoculan Leebern stand side-by-side dressed in red and black, watching as their team competes on all four events.

Turn the clock back a little over a decade and only Yoculan Leebern stands at the corner of the blue mat, watching her gymnasts compete on the floor ahead of her. One of those gymnasts is Kupets Carter.

Bulldog fans first saw Yoculan Leebern and Kupets Carter together on the competition floor in 2006, when Kupets Carter began her freshman season as a GymDog. That year, the GymDogs won a national championship, and Kupets Carter secured the individual all-around, balance beam and uneven bars national titles.

As their four years together progressed, the GymDogs, with Yoculan Leebern at the helm, would win three more national championships. Now, Yoculan Leebern is considered one of the greatest collegiate coaches of all time, and Kupets Carter showcased unmatched excellence throughout her career.

The duo left a legacy and an expectation of greatness on Georgia gymnastics, and the program has searched to return that same level since Yoculan Leebern's retirement after the 2009 season. After many disappointing seasons, Kupets Carter was named head coach of the Bulldogs in May of 2017 with hopes of her transforming the GymDogs into the top program they once were.

Upon getting the job, Kupets Carter said she immediately called her former coach, who won 10 national championships in as Georgia's head coach, for advice and words of wisdom. As they talked, Kupets Carter said she found that she and Yoculan Leebern were on the same page with every point that they discussed, and the matchup just felt right.

"She's my mentor," Kupets Carter said. "She's the one I learned college gymnastics strategy and the fun."

The conversation soon turned to Kupets Carter asking Yoculan Leebern to be on the coaching staff. Not knowing if she would have time because of her responsibilities as a grandmother and in her personal life, Kupets Carter said she was very excited when the former coach agreed.

The position as volunteer coach would allow Yoculan Leebern to be part of the gymnastics program without having the same responsibilities and pressures of a head coach.

"When she was capable of being the volunteer coach, I was like 'thank goodness,'" Kupets Carter said. "If I'm going to ask her these questions, she might as well be in the gym and help us out this year and get it going."

With the amount of time Kupets Carter and Yoculan Leebern spent together in the gym together over their careers, there is no surprise that today's GymDogs see overlap between the two coaches.

The expectations and practice schedule Yoculan Leebern put into place when she was the head coach are the same ones that have been put into place by Kupets Carter since taking over the program, including the importance of being on time for practice and team commitments.

"The practices are exactly the way I did them," Yoculan Leebern said. "The system, the way we do practices, the schedule, the timing and the expectations are all the same. It's what Courtney knows about college athletics."

Both coaches also value the power of positive reinforcement. The Bulldogs said when their coaches give a correction or criticism, it is accompanied with encouragement for an element that they did well.

Senior Jasmine Arnold, who has consistently been in the beam and floor lineup for the GymDogs this season for the first time in her career, said that she relies on the expertise of both her coaches during training.





Yoculan Leebern brings a straight-forward, passionate nature and Kupets Carter brings a consistent, laid back style. Arnold said it is the perfect combination to push herself in her training and to keep her calm during the competition.

"They have a similar coaching style, and they definitely push each other," Arnold said. "Suzanne helps build Courtney and Courtney supports Suzanne, and they're super encouraging and supportive."

Aside from their physical presence in the gym, the GymDogs also benefit from what their coaches accomplished in the same gym many years ago.

Before each meet, the GymDogs and their coaches meet in the locker room, gather in a circle and talk about the competition. Senior Natalie Vaculik said being able to sit next to Yoculan Leebern and look across the circle at Kupets Carter has brought energy and motivation to the team.

"Courtney is the greatest collegiate gymnasts and you can't question that," Vaculik said. "With Suzanne by her side, I can't even believe it's reality. It's almost a surreal moment."

In practice, the Georgia gymnasts are reminded of the legacy of their coaches in the training facility.

The practice gym is named the Suzanne Yoculan Training Center, displayed in large letters across the back wall, and Kupets Carter's picture rests in the line of all of the Georgia gymnastics All-Americans which decorates the sides of the gym.

Junior Sydney Snead said having these two legends back and coaching together at Georgia made a positive difference in her and her team's perspective of gymnastics by instilling confidence and driving their motivation.

"Forming a relationship with Suzanne and Courtney has been a game-changer for everybody," Snead said. "To be personally connected with them is how you'll ultimately be successful. It's motivating knowing they're our coaches, and we want to do well for them, not only for ourselves but for them, too."



HER OLYMPIC DREAMS WERE DASHED. THEN SHE BECOMES A 'PART OF SOMETHING THAT'S BIGGER THAN MYSELF'

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ATHENS- Sabrina Vega didn't think she would ever compete in college.

She was an elite gymnast with Olympic dreams. In 2011, she was a part of the gold-medal-winning U.S. National Team in Tokyo. She seemed to be on track to earn a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team for the London games the following year.

But when it was time to put the 2012 team together her name wasn't called. It was a devastating moment for someone who spent the majority of her time — six to seven hours a day, six days a week — training to be an Olympian.

"It was hard. I'm not going lie," Vega said. "You work so hard for something, and then at the last second it's kind of pulled from you. It wasn't easy. I needed time. At the moment, right after the Olympic Trials, I said I was done. I gave myself a couple of months. I knew I had some unfinished business."

That unfinished business, however, didn't pan out as planned. A series of injuries derailed the run she wanted to make for the 2016 Olympics. As she continued to train, moving from New York to Missouri to do so, her body wouldn't cooperate. It became clear she wouldn't be able to compete in Rio de Janeiro.

It would have been easy for Vega to give up the sport and pack it in. Instead, Vega sat down with her family and regrouped. She then decided it would be best to go to college.

As Vega said, when one door closes, another opens up.

"I never thought I was going to be a part of college gymnastics," Vega said. "So to have the opportunity to come to Georgia and be a part of a team, I'm taking these last four years of gymnastics and really enjoying every second I have of it. It's definitely a privilege and I'm blessed to be here. I did have that high level of competition as an elite, and now it's my time to enjoy it, and really experience gymnastics — the love that I fell in with the sport to continue."



In the elite world, that grind Vega went through caused her to have a "love-hate relationship" with gymnastics. In college, it's been a little different.

Sure, there is an academic rigor that comes with being in college. But there is a social element that Vega is immersed in that makes being a part of a college team an enjoyable experience.

"It becomes a job as an elite athlete. It becomes work," Georgia head coach Courtney Kupets Carter said. "Sometimes you don't want to go to work. Sometimes you're just tired, or, 'Why am I doing this again? Is this what I want to do?' You get stuck in this grind of, 'It's so difficult,' and you're on edge all the time at trying to be the best you can be in all these things. When you finally get to come to college, it's a life more so than when you're an elite athlete."

Vega, who competes for the Bulldogs in floor, vault and beam, almost missed the window to compete at Georgia. Chasing her Olympic dream, she deferred two years out of high school. She competed at the elite level up until two weeks before the deadline to still remain eligible for college gymnastics.

She decided on Georgia then and is now a 22-year-old sophomore. Given the age difference with other underclassmen, fellow sophomore Rachel Dickson calls Vega her "biggest role model on the team."

"She thinks it's so weird because we are in the same class," Dickson said. "It's not weird to me because even though we're in the same grade in college, you have a lot more experience than anyone else and are a huge part of this team."

Dickson said she can always rely on Vega to tell a joke just before she is about to compete on beam. Since arriving last season, Vega is often a relaxing presence for the team to help calm pre-meet jitters. She's also a key part to the Gym Dogs' success. In last week's meet against Auburn, Vega anchored Georgia's floor with a 9.950 — the highest score in the meet — that sealed Georgia's first win of the season.

She also tied a meet-best mark with a score of 9.875 on beam. Vega will look to lead her team again in Friday's meet at Arkansas, which will begin at 7 p.m. Vega is accomplished as an individual gymnast as someone who competed on a world stage. Helping land her team a victory in a team setting has a different emotion to it.

"It's an amazing feeling because now I'm a part of something that's bigger than myself," Vega said. "All the hard work and the years I've done in gymnastics pays off when you have that reward of almost getting that 10 and getting that amazing score, and closing out a meet for your team. It all feels really great."

COURTNEY KUPETS CARTER BEGINS PROCESS OF TURNING GEORGIA BACK INTO GYMNASTICS GIANT

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ATHENS- A decade ago, Courtney Kupets Carter was part of the greatest dynasty in the history of college gymnastics. She was the top gymnast at a program on its way to five consecutive national titles. When securing that fifth consecutive banner, Georgia had just earned its 10th-ever championship. The Gym Dogs were the premier program in the sport.

But since her final season in 2009, which was also former head coach Suzanne Yoculan Leebern's last year at the helm, the Gym Dogs haven't enjoyed that same kind of elite success. They've had good years, sure. But they haven't had the kind of run Kupets Carter enjoyed as a gymnast. When she was hired, Kupets Carter said her goal was to ensure that Georgia "will win championships again."

In her second meet as a head coach, Kupets Carter got to see where the team she inherited stacked up against the program that closest resembles the Georgia teams of old at the moment. When Georgia vacated the dynastic role, a few teams stepped in to fill the void. Oklahoma, the defending national champions and No. 1 team in the land, was one of those teams to do so.

Georgia fell to Oklahoma 197.550-196.600 Monday in front of a packed Stegeman Coliseum crowd of 10,072 people. The meet served as a measuring stick for how the Gym Dogs compare to the best team in the nation. But more importantly, the Gym Dogs showed improvement from Friday's opening-season loss at Alabama, which was something Kupets Carter was pleased to see.

"It was mentality," Kupets Carter said. "The gymnastics have been there. It's been there for a while actually, since November. After Alabama, we realized we had more to do. I thought they were a little closer to where they can get out to a performance and perform."

In her first-ever season as a collegiate head coach, Kupets Carter is still discovering what will and won't work with her team. But one thing she has brought is a different attitude to the program.

Senior Vivi Babilas said Kupets Carter, who replaced Danna Durante after a five-year run at Georgia, has brought an uplifting style of coaching that has been well received.

"She has brought passion, positivity and motivation," Babalis said. "She's so positive, even after the (Alabama) meet. Yeah, we have things to work on. Yeah, we have things to improve on. But she never got down. She has faith in us. It's that faith and trust in us helps with our confidence."

The end goal is to make Georgia nationally relevant again. While the Bulldogs reached the Super Six three times in Durante's five years, they never finished higher than fifth. Kupets Carter has brought a fresh perspective to her team while incorporating what worked when she was a gymnast at Georgia.

Part of that had to do with bringing Yoculan Leebern back as a volunteer assistant. Junior Sydney Snead said the two of them are using certain methods that worked when Yoculan Leebern was Georgia's head coach.

"She has definitely changed the entire environment -- way more positive," junior Sydney Snead said. "She definitely instills confidence in all of us, which has been huge this year and you can definitely see it. Not only in our workouts, that competition right there, she has so much experience, which has been big for us. She was an athlete here once. She knows what we're going through. She can relate to us. To be able to take what she has told us and the stories she has told us, it's very motivating. It definitely motivates us in the gym."

Now that the Gym Dogs have competed twice, Kupets Carter is beginning to understand more about how her team operates. One tip she gave her team after the Alabama loss Friday was to relax, which Kupets Carter believes helped in an improved performance that resulted in a two-point increase only three days later.

"There is a way for this team to do that and they're very capable," Kupets Carter said. "It's just about them finding it. They need to find it before we'll be there."



ALL-AROUND COMPETITION BETWEEN SYDNEY SNEAD, RACHEL DICKSON HELPING TO PUSH GYMDOGS

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ATHENS- It's not unusual for GymDogs sophomore Rachel Dickson to be mistaken for her teammate, junior Sydney Snead.

"We get confused all the time," Dickson said. "I'll be walking and people are like, 'oh my god, hey, Sydney,' and I'm like, 'no,' and it happens to her all the time too."

The pair is similar in height — Dickson is listed at 5-foot-1, Snead at 5-foot-2 — and hair color. Both are competing in all-around for Georgia this season.

But Snead and Dickson, who have accounted for the highest individual all-around score at three of Georgia's four meets this season, are very different gymnasts.

"Rachel's more of a power gymnast," sophomore Sabrina Vega said. "She has that power and Syd has more of the elegant side of gymnastics, instead of the power side. They're both incredible gymnasts and everybody has their own style but I love watching them compete."

Snead has won all-around titles this season against Auburn (39.500) and at Arkansas (39.525). Dickson won the all-around against Oklahoma with a 39.500. Snead has also posted meet-highs on bars twice and beam once, while Dickson has done the same once on bars and on beam.

Both are expected to compete on all four events today when the 14th-ranked GymDogs (1-3, 1-2 SEC) host No. 23 Missouri (1-2, 1-2) at 2 p.m.

"It's really exciting, especially being able to see how hard everyone is working," Snead said. "But to see Rachel working super hard on all four events and just how great she is definitely pushes the both of us so it's great to have someone else do the all-around with. It makes it more fun."

It's also helping them improve, Snead said.

"It's obviously never stated out loud but we push each other to be better," Snead. "I think we all push each other to be better and I think that eventually leads to a successful team."

Snead is consistent and is showing leadership in the gym, coach Courtney Kupets Carter said. Dickson is still improving as an athlete, Kupets Carter said, and her potential to growth is exciting for the coaching staff.

Both approach competition differently, the first-year GymDogs

coach said.

"Sydney is very methodical. She likes to think things through and she has her own way of doing things," Kupets Carter said. "Rachel is a little more, 'I can't think about it, I've just got to do it.' She's got the talent there and everything's there and she's a little more I would say, carefree, in her gymnastics and Sydney is a little more methodical."

That's especially clear to their teammates during floor routines. Dickson will often seek out the camera while competing on floor. Snead is very dialed-in. Both have posted season highs of 9.925 on the event.

"They both have sass in them but they portray it differently," senior Vivi Babalis said. "Like in their floor routines, Rachel is more sassy and Sydney has more of a ballerina, graceful routine so it's just different."

Dickson and Snead are the only Georgia gymnasts competing on all four events so far this season. Vega competes on vault, beam and floor and has noted she'd like to eventually make the bars lineup. Freshman Marissa Oakley competes on vault, beam and bars.

"It's all about the team," Dickson said. "It is not an individual sport so whether Sydney's winning or I'm winning or our team is winning, it's all for our team atmosphere. For us to be able to push higher and higher, it also helps the other girls push what they're doing higher and higher. We have this little thing going on, I think it's funny, we laugh about it all the time, but we really think it's helping the team."

Courtney Kupets Carter





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